Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I hope you are all safe and well.

I can’t quite believe it is the first week of February. We have come full circle as it’s just over a year since the first case of Coronavirus was identified, here in the East Riding. We are into the fifth week of Lockdown 3 and still wondering when things will ease off. At least we can feel positive that the vaccine roll out is under way.

Talking of which, we received the most amazing news, last week, that staff working in the local special schools were going to be allowed to receive the Pfizer vaccine. This is not something that has yet been offered to our colleagues working in other schools, so we are very privileged and grateful to the local authority for pushing this through. Appointments are being rolled out and some staff received their first jab over the weekend. We must stress that this will not be an immediate solution, as immunity is not fully effective until at least 3 weeks after the second dose which we are not due to receive until the end of April. That said, it makes the glimmer of light on the horizon that much brighter. We continue to test staff on a weekly basis, to identify asymptomatic positive cases, using the rapid flow tests.

We very much appreciate how challenging and frustrating these times continue to be for our pupils and families and I know that Boris’ announcement last week will not have helped. At least now we have the date of the 8th March to work towards.

We are pleased to see so many pupils accessing the school, for some part of the week. A huge ‘thank you’ for your continued support with this, allowing us to keep class sizes at safe levels for staff and pupils. Teachers, I know, are continuing to keep in contact with you to offer support and work as needed. It is lovely to hear about all the things that our children are getting up to. To support with home learning the school’s website has been updated and there is now a designated ‘Home learning’ page which you access via a link on the home page. Please take a look, <https://www.kingsmillschool.co.uk> . We have made it easier for parents to navigate and there are videos to watch too. Look out for some of the teaching staff who are making their acting debuts!

Finally, as ever, we are here to help if you need us for anything. You can ring or email school, Jayne Duke or contact your child’s teacher directly via the diary, email or class dojo.



Best wishes to you all

Alison Hall

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